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Cabinet approves new series of taxes

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Among the main elements in the \$500 million package of cuts approved by the cabinet yesterday at the end of more than six hours of deliberations was an IS7,000 annual education fee, a tax on child allowances and early pensions, steeper income tax in the higher brackets and a cut in fringe benefits for civil servants and public sector workers.

The education fee will apply to families with children in school, irrespective of the number of children, and will be linked to the consumer price index in 10 monthly payments of IS700 at September's prices.

The fee will apply to some 300,000 out of the 380,000 families with schoolchildren, poorer families exempted. With the revenue collected — some IS2.1 billion — the Treasury will finance the cost of

implementing the Elzoni Committee proposals on the working conditions for teachers.

The cabinet also decided to tax allowances for the first two children in families whose main supporter is in the 50 per cent income-tax bracket or above. The tax will be in effect for 15 months. Large families will be exempted. The tax on the allowances will be paid according to the corresponding tax bracket.

This step will require legislative approval, since it means changing the National Insurance Law.

A 10 per cent levy on income-tax paid by persons earning IS250,000 gross or more in September will be imposed for a period of 15 months as well. For that period, the bracket for those persons will go up from 60 to 66 per cent. This measure was a compromise between Tamir's proposal of a 70 per cent tax

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Orgad too optimistic

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

An expected \$500 million increase in Israel's military imports in 1984 would all but wipe out the expected beneficial effects of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's economic plans.

Treasury figures indicate that exports in 1984 will increase by 11.6 per cent over 1983, while civilian imports will decrease by 0.5 per cent. This will reduce the deficit in the civilian part of the balance of payments by some \$600m, from \$4.1 billion in 1983 to \$3.5b, next year.

At the same time however, the Treasury is forecasting an increase

of \$500 million in defence imports, from \$1.3b, this year to \$1.8b, in 1984. Thus the total improvement in the balance of payments will amount to \$100m, not \$800m, as previously announced by Cohen-Orgad. The total deficit forecast for 1984 will be \$5.3b, compared to \$5.4b, expected for 1983.

According to Cohen-Orgad's plan the increase in exports and decrease in imports will be achieved through an austerity policy which will restrain credits, and reduce private consumption by 5 per cent and public expenditure by 11.8 per cent.

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Shi'ite leader shot to death

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULA — A local Shi'ite militia commander Ahmad Salim was shot to death yesterday morning in the centre of Nabatiya. He was driving with two companions through the town, when his vehicle came under light arms fire from the west.

Salim was killed instantly and his two companions were wounded. Large contingents of the Israel Defence Forces and the Haddad militia arrived in Nabatiya and at once began searching the town.

This is the fifth time in the past two months that senior local militia commanders have been the target of attack. Military sources in Lebanon suggested that the attackers may have been Shi'ite extremists, opposed to all cooperation with Israel.

Amal commander Nabi Berri and other Shi'ite leaders in Beirut have recently called on their coreligionists to stop cooperating with the IDF. They have also called for a general strike tomorrow to protest against the closure of the Awali River bridges.

The command of the Nabatiya Shi'ite militia yesterday published a statement after Salim's murder, saying that the militia would continue with its patrols around the Shi'ite villages in south Lebanon.

Most of the local militias were set up after Israel went into Lebanon in June 1982.

Turkish victor soothes army

ANKARA (AP). — Turgut Ozal, leader of Turkey's Motherland Party, which triumphed in Sunday's general elections, yesterday offered an olive branch to the military that sought his defeat.

In a message to the nation, Ozal said: "I thank the Turkish armed forces and the National Security Council for their efforts to establish law and order in the country and to restore democracy."

To his supporters, Ozal said: "You believed in us. You trusted us. I beseech the help of the almighty God so that we can deserve this trust."

Rejecting the military's choice of a hand-picked retired general, Turkish voters threw their support behind Ozal's centre-right party, putting Ozal, the 57-year-old architect of Turkey's 1980 economic recovery programme, in line to become premier.

The Motherland Party polled 45 per cent of the vote nationwide, enough to give Ozal a clear majority in the new 400-seat legislature.

The moderate leftist Populist Party, led by Necdet Calp, received 30.5 per cent of the votes, while the military-backed Nationalist Democracy Party, headed by retired Gen. Turgut Sunalp, trailed in third place with 23.6 per cent. The rest went to independent candidates.

Fahd, Hussein strive to save Arafat, forces

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

There were growing calls yesterday for an end to the battles in northern Lebanon as beleaguered PLO chairman Yasser Arafat continued to fight for his life in his last remaining stronghold, the Baddawi refugee camp north of Tripoli.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd reaffirmed his country's support for Arafat's continued leadership of a united PLO. The Jordanian parliament also denounced yesterday "the attitude of the Syrian and Lihyan regimes, their attempts to liquidate the PLO and to change its legitimate leadership, as well as organizing the massacre of the Palestinian people in the Nahr al-Bared and Baddawi camps."

A peace mission representing five Arab states is to go to Damascus today in an attempt to halt the fighting, the Tunisian news agency TAP said yesterday.

The mission represents Algeria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and North Yemen.

Fahd and Jordan's King Hussein have been coordinating moves to end the fighting in Tripoli, fearing that a defeat for Arafat would lead to a highly radicalized PLO that could threaten their own conservative regimes.

So far, Damascus has stonewalled the growing Arab pressure to stop the fighting in Tripoli, with President Hafez Assad yesterday again blaming Arafat for the crisis and insisting that "Syria has done its best to help Palestinian brothers resolve their differences."

Syria has consistently denied that it is aiding the rebels, despite persistent reports that it is heavily supporting them in their onslaught in northern Lebanon.

Arafat told reporters yesterday that the Syrians had resolved to push their attack to the port of Tripoli itself, where Arafat is expected to make his final stand if Baddawi falls — with a convenient escape route to the sea should he choose to flee.

Added to Saudi and Jordanian calls for an end to the fighting was an impassioned plea yesterday by George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, to the fighters in both camps to disobey their leaders and lay down their arms.

Habash, along with Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, have attempted to steer a neutral course in the dispute, resisting Damascus' pressure to renounce Arafat and openly back the Fatah rebels challenging his leadership.

The support of the two largest PLO factions after his own mainstream Fatah had provided Arafat with his major lifeline throughout the crisis, and their continuing support could yet save his neck.

According to agency reports from Damascus, the PFLP's official organ, *Al-Hadath*, was due to publish an editorial today strongly criticizing the rebels for "a course of action in northern Lebanon (that) will lead to the destruction of the revolution."

Rebel leader Musa Sa'ad (Abu Musa) was quoted as saying in a newspaper interview yesterday that he was still open to talks with Arafat.

"We do not want to chase him out," Abu Musa told the left-wing Beirut daily *As-Safir*. "We are only calling him to a dialogue of reform. Instead of firing his guns at us, let him come here so that we can fire

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Arens: We must hit back at gangs

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that the only answer to terrorist atrocities such as last Friday's bombing in Tyre is "to strike at these gangs, and to defeat them."

Arens spoke after the Knesset observed a moment of silence in memory of the 60 persons killed in the bombing, 28 of them members of the Border Police, the IDF, and the security services.

He said that the IDF would stay in the area as long as there is a danger that if it left, terrorist gangs who aimed to strike at Galilee residents would assume control.

Arens called on the inhabitants of Southern Lebanon to cooperate with Israel in its war against terrorism. The terrorists constitute no less a threat to the local populace than they do to the IDF forces in the area, and the defeat of the terrorists would be their victory as well as Israel's, he said.

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres praised Arens for not having jumped to conclusions before the report of the inquiry commission was in on the attack at Tyre.

Israel is not seeking a confrontation with the Syrians, Peres said. But they should know that if they served as the source of the terrorism

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Awali bridges open again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULA. — The Israel Defence Forces yesterday afternoon reopened the bridges on the Awali River.

The bridges were opened for the first time since last Friday's blast in Tyre. Lebanese civilians were permitted to cross southwards on foot but were subjected to thorough body searches.

Cars were allowed through on a selective basis, and were thoroughly searched. This policy will remain in force until further notice.

An IDF check-point near the Rasidiya refugee camp came under light arms fire early yesterday morning.

Ex-IDF intelligence head:

'Syria not strong enough for war yet'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former director of military intelligence Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv said yesterday he believes Syria does not want to initiate a war with Israel now.

Yariv, who heads the Jaffe Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, was addressing reporters several hours before Damascus Radio broadcast call orders for reservists. His press conference was called to mark the publication of the "Middle East Balance" study for 1983 (published in conjunction with *The Jerusalem Post*).

The reserve general, who was minister of information in the mid-1970s, said that Syria realizes it is not yet strong enough to tackle the Israel Defence Forces alone.

Syria has eight armoured divisions while the newly published report says Israel can mobilize 11 armoured divisions. Israel has more infantry brigades than Syria

and while both have as many tanks — 3,600 — Israel has 8,000 armoured personnel carriers and armoured reconnaissance vehicles compared with Syria's 2,700. Syria, however, has 2,300 guns and mortars compared with Israel's 1,000, the report says.

Syria has replaced the 90-odd aircraft it lost during the Lebanon war, but its inferiority in the air remains. Israel's success in wiping out the Syrian anti-aircraft missile batteries in Lebanon in three hours without losing a plane must have made it "patently evident to the Syrians that they cannot rely on their surface-to-air missile system for defence against Israeli aerial attack," the report adds.

To successfully wage war now Syria would require allies. But its potential partners — Libya for example — do not have a common border with Israel, Yariv noted.

However, Syria would not shirk a showdown if forced into one, Yariv added.

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The Kremlin question

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The tension surrounding the approach of a strong U.S. naval force towards Lebanon must be seen in the context of worldwide uncertainty surrounding the position of Soviet President Yuri Andropov in Moscow.

This uncertainty, according to well-placed Israeli observers, will impose upon the Americans particular caution, because they cannot know what clashing and destabilizing forces are at work behind the walls of the Kremlin.

On the one hand, the U.S. has publicly pledged that it will punish those responsible for the bomb at-

tack on its marine base in Beirut. There may be some in Washington, moreover, who feel that a period of uncertainty in Moscow gives the U.S. added freedom of action.

On the other hand, the senior architects of American policy are well aware, according to Israeli observers, that the uncertainty in Moscow could trigger unpredictable and even irrational responses.

The delicate situation in the Kremlin is not a new development related solely to Andropov's health problem. Western analysts have noted for some months a certain laxness and ponderousness in Soviet decision-making. The shooting

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U.S. calls for restraint

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Administration yesterday called on Syria to show restraint, following the reported mobilization by Damascus. Washington stressed that its own naval movements towards the Mediterranean are "strictly routine," and do not indicate any intention of attacking Syria.

At the same time officials expressed concern about the escalation of tension in the Middle East and called on Israel to exercise restraint.

IS700 school levy not enough—Ministry

Post Education Reporter

The IS700 monthly school levy agreed on yesterday between the Ministry of Education and the Treasury will probably not be enough to cover the IS2.5 billion in wage increases required by the Elzoni Commission on teachers' pay and conditions.

Education Ministry spokesman Israel Cohen said agreement on the Elzoni recommendations should finally be signed "within the next

few days," meaning a 20 per cent increase in teachers' salaries. "The new levy won't be enough to cover this," he added.

The Secondary School Teachers' Union declared yesterday that if the Elzoni accord is not signed within the next few days, they will declare a labour dispute. Last year schools suffered weeks of strike action over non-implementation of the Elzoni recommendations which were issued in 1979.

2nd round today in municipal poll

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The second round of balloting for mayor takes place today in 34 municipalities where no candidate won more than 40 per cent of

the vote in the first round last month.

Polling will take place from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the same polling stations as before. (Story, page 3)

Jordanian officials shot in Athens

ATHENS (AP). — A lone gunman shot and seriously wounded two Jordanian Embassy officials yesterday in the flea market here, police said.

This was the third attack on Jordanian Embassy personnel in a fortnight. The others were in India and Italy.



Soviet Communist Party's Politburo members (left to right) Konstantin Chernenko, Viktor Grishin, Andrei Gromyko and Mikhail Gorbachev stand atop the Lenin Mausoleum yesterday during the military and workers' march-past marking the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Notable for his absence was President Yuri Andropov, apparently too ill to attend.

(UPI telephoto)

Agudat Yisrael boarding schools get subsidy increase

By AVI TEMKIN

While the cabinet has been busy cutting budgets, imposing education fees and proposing a cut in welfare budgets, it has decided to increase subsidies to Agudat Yisrael boarding schools.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that the Labour Ministry decided last week to increase from 40 to 50 per cent its participation in the maintenance costs of each pupil in these schools.

The increase is retroactive to

September and will be financed by a IS200 million budget item allocated to the Aguda under a coalition agreement last April.

Sources close to the Labour Ministry yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post*, however, that the ministry is convinced that the total cost of education and maintenance for every child in the Aguda boarding schools is already more than covered by the government.

According to the sources, if one takes into account other ministries' contributions to these boarding

schools, government participation in the education and maintenance of every child is well over 100 per cent even before the latest increase.

The Aguda has stressed that the cost of each child at its boarding schools is higher than in regular boarding schools, since there are "religious needs" which should also be taken into account.

Some ministry officials were astonished to discover last week that, in addition to the increase in

the subsidy, the Aguda wants to increase the number of children included in the arrangement from 5,000 to 7,000.

The request brought criticism of Aguda from the ministry, since Labour Minister Aharon Ozan and his deputy Ben-Zion Rubin were at the time fighting a Treasury proposal to cut the budget of regular boarding schools, within the framework of a IS700m. cut in the ministry's budget.

As a compromise between the

Treasury and the Labour Ministry it was decided not to cut those budgets this year, but to institute "income criteria" for admission during next year.

Sources said that while in other boarding schools there would be income criteria, no such criteria for admission would be implemented at the Aguda institutions. "Thus while we could have to cut the number of pupils in other boarding schools, the numbers at Aguda schools could rise by 2,000", they added.

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Golan	87	10-19	18
Nahariya	86	14-23	23
Safed	90	11-15	15
Haifa Port	58	19-24	23
Tiberias	78	15-25	24
Nazareth	81	12-20	21
Afula	82	12-20	21
Shimon	61	14-20	19
Tel Aviv	56	16-22	22
B-G Airport	65	15-22	22
Jericho	73	15-22	22
Gaza	74	16-22	22
Beer-Sheva	47	12-23	23
Lilil	35	16-28	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The bimie in the Hebrew University's Hecht Synagogue on the Mount Scopus campus was dedicated yesterday in honour of Philip and Helen Golan. The bimie is the gift of Michael, Alex and Andrea Golan in honour of their parents. Present were the Golan family of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hecht of St. Louis, and a large party of their guests. Hebrew University Vice-President Bernard Cherrick conducted the ceremony.

DEPARTURES

Yehiel Leket, chairman of the World Labour Zionist Movement, for Atlanta to participate in the general convention of Jewish community leaders in the U.S. during November 11-19, and for Paris to participate in the European conference of the World Labour Zionist Movement on November 26-27. Other conference participants include parliamentary leaders from England and France and chairmen of Zionist federations.

NEW TAXES

(Continued from Page One) bracket and the Liberal Party's opposition.

The abolition of tax exemptions on early pensions applies to some 30,000 workers in the economy, including retired senior army officers and regular army personnel. It also includes former senior officials in the public sector.

The government will negotiate with the Histadrut on the imposition of a health fee and the increase of the ceiling on income in the calculation of fees payable to sick funds.

The government decided to implement a series of steps designed to save some IS\$5.6 billion in its expenditures. These steps will worsen the work conditions of employees in the public sector and will affect their earnings.

Among other steps approved: a cut in the number of approved maximum overtime by some 25 per cent; a cut, by 15 per cent, in the number of kilometres for which an employee enjoys government participation against expenses; a hike from 30 to 80 per cent in the interest rate on loans given by the workplace to workers; and a reduction by 10 per cent in the number of "company cars" in government, the public sector, the police and the army.

In addition, the government will freeze the purchase of new cars and the number of persons employed in the public sector, until the end of the fiscal year.

The cabinet decided to freeze, for two weeks, government financial commitments. The Treasury is expected to ask for an extension of this period as a way of examining the priorities of the various ministries.

The cabinet decided to extend the application of the land-improvement tax to land in the West Bank, as a way of taxing land speculators.

The cabinet also decided to take the necessary steps to convince the Knesset Finance Committee to raise the travel tax from \$50 to \$100. Until now, the committee has not been able to gain approval of this measure, which has been on the committee agenda for two months.

Basketball

Maccabi Tel Aviv 108, Hapoel Haifa 74.
Hapoel Tel Aviv 80, Maccabi Ramat Gan 78.
Maccabi Kiryat Motzkio 82, Betar Tel Aviv 75.
Hapoel Holon 84, Hapoel Upper Galilee 75.
Hapoel Ramat Gan 78, Maccabi Haifa 69.
Hapoel Afula 86, Maccabi Daron Tel Aviv 80.

HOME NEWS

Rambam staff score chronic problems

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Staff at the Rambam Hospital have suspended their strike threat in support of additional personnel, pending treatment of wounded survivors of the Tyre military headquarters disaster.

But Meir Cohen, chairman of the works committee told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the workers would not tolerate the "chronic understaffing" for much longer.

The committee, representing 1,500 nurses and other workers but not doctors, declared a labour dispute last month after its demands for the creation of an additional 36 jobs were rejected by the Health Ministry. Cohen said the labour dispute remains in effect, and they would reconsider sanctions after the current emergency.

The alleged understaffing is not the only problem facing the hospital, where 21 wounded survivors from Tyre — including two Lebanese who had been detained for questioning in one of the destroyed buildings — were still being treated yesterday.

Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishtai said the treatment of wounded soldiers had placed an additional burden on Rambam's strained financial resources, already badly hit by inflation and the devaluation of the shekel.

"Rambam's plight has been exacerbated by its role as a front line military hospital, particularly during the past 17 months' war in Lebanon. During this period, the hospital has treated more than 2,000 wounded soldiers. Hardly a day goes by without helicopters bringing in one or two more."

Ben-Ishtai said the hospital received \$120 per day for each soldier it treated. This is enough to cover normal medical expenses in cases of sickness. The costs of treating soldiers with battle injuries, however, are much higher and the hospital had received no compensation for this.

He cited the example of soldiers who had to be treated in the intensive-care unit, where the costs were as high as \$1,500 per day per patient.

As a result of budget problems, Rambam has been unable to replace and, in some cases, maintain equipment, and medical stocks have been reduced to dangerously low levels. Before the present influx of wounded soldiers from Tyre the hospital's medical supplies were only sufficient for two days.

One of the two body scanners which help doctors diagnose internal injuries was switched off for lack of money. Early last Friday morning, after the hospital was alerted for the Tyre emergency, the Health Ministry made a special dispensation making emergency repairs.

On the same day Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov, the Haifa MK, discovered that \$90,000 worth of neurosurgical equipment ordered a year ago was being held up for lack of funds. He phoned the finance minister and within hours part of the equipment reached the hospital.

Health Ministry director-general Baruch Modan, who visited the hospital last Saturday, agreed that Rambam's problems are serious,

but said he could see no way out of the difficulties until the Finance Ministry changes its overall policy and links hospital budgets to inflation.

Margery Greenfield adds: The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday decided to ask representatives of the Health and Finance Ministries to appear before the committee as soon as possible to explain the escalating budget crisis in the hospital system.

Committee member Nava Arad (Alignment), who last week submitted an urgent motion for the agenda on the collapse of the hospital system and the increasing use of emergency stores to meet everyday needs, initiated yesterday's request in the committee.

Arad has become increasingly concerned by the "contradiction" between the rising chorus of pleas from hospital directors who are left without funds to buy food and medications, and the Health Ministry's assurances that everything is all right, it was learned.

Grim mood in W. Bank

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The streets of the commercial section of East Jerusalem were unusually quiet and dark last night. Store fronts of groceries, fruit and nut stores, the odd chemist, usually bustling in the early evening were shuttered as most had been all of yesterday while local Palestinians registered their bitter protest at the civil war around Tripoli.

There was little noise. The dominant sound along the empty streets as night fell was the disembodied voice of a television announcer leading the evening news bulletin with a report of the slaughter of Palestinians by Palestinians in and around the northern Lebanese city.

"My wife and mother cried the night before when they saw the pictures," said one acquaintance last night. "We must be the first people to suffer a civil war before the creation of our state," he said.

In the *A-Sha'ab* newspaper offices, one of the few buildings where there were lights on, the handful of translators and re-writers were sombre as they processed last night's copy.

Announcements from the Organization of Free Professionals in Beit Hanina, the Federation of Labour Unions, Red Crescent societies demanded a cease fire and the intervention of the Arab League. They denounced Syrian interference, and called for the preservation of the independence of the Palestinian decision, and unanimously supported Yasser Arafat as the spokesman of the Palestinian cause.

A report of a large protest meeting at Birzeit university described how students raised the Palestinian flag, held up pictures of Arafat and made speeches and statements bitterly condemning Syria.

Here too, the dominant sound was a news announcer. This time it was the Voice of Palestine from Baghdad, an hour-long radio broadcast of Arafat loyalists. Later it was Radio Monte Carlo, a major source of information for local residents about developments in the Arab world. The main telex link is the Arabic service of Agence France Press.

Today's *A-Sha'ab* editorial lambasts Syria's reported military

mobilization. "If you have something serious to fear why are you still bombarding the Palestinian camps?" the paper asks.

A-Sha'ab like its other more radically nationalist partner in East Jerusalem *Al-Fajr* does not refer to the fighting in Tripoli as a "civil war" among Palestinians. It is rather "Syrian-Libyan aggression." Syria's surrogates, the Palestinian Fatah rebels led by meo who are, without exception, natives of the West Bank themselves have lost the right to be called Palestinians "the moment they lifted arms against their own people."

Al-Quds, the largest and most conservative of the Palestinian dailies was even blunter in its criticism: "There is no difference between the massacre at Sabra and Shatila by Lebanese Phalangists and the massacres now taking place at the Naher al-Bared and Badawi camps outside Tripoli which Syria and its Palestinian helpers are perpetrating," the paper's editorial lamented yesterday.

Today's editorial, like much conversation in the city last night, focussed on Arafat's personal future. It was assumed that the beleaguered chairman of the PLO will escape from Tripoli. "He is not the kind of man who will die in a fight — he will find his way out," said one of the newspapermen.

A businessman, watching as labourers off-loaded a truck of Israeli-produced cement into his half-shuttered store said "that whatever happens, the PLO will survive. Those who go with Syria cannot count on us, we are with Arafat," he said.

The fighting in Tripoli continued to generate minor unrest in the West Bank and Gaza yesterday. The Dehaishe refugee camp was under curfew for the third day in succession following stone-throwing incidents.

The casba in Nablus was under curfew yesterday afternoon, after youths stoned Israeli traffic, and minor stone-throwing incidents were also reported from the Ramallah area.

In Gaza residents of the Nuseirat refugee camp reportedly demonstrated while students at the Islamic university in the city held a protest meeting in support of Arafat.

KREMLIN

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down of the KAL airliner near Japan in September was a salient example: several days passed before Moscow seemed to decide on its position.

Western analysts interpret this as a reflection of a possible power struggle, or at any rate of uncertainty regarding Andropov's strength.

Given the confrontation over nuclear weapons in Europe, which is coming to a climax, and the general deterioration in Big Power relations, this added dimension of uncertainty exacerbates the precarious international situation.

Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger referred to these elements in his review of world affairs during his meetings with senior Israeli leaders here last week.

Regarding the possibility of

American military retribution in Lebanon, Israeli observers stress — as indeed do American officials — that no Israeli assistance has been or would be sought. It is not in the American interest to be perceived as striking at an Arab (or Moslem) enemy with the help of Israel.

"That is not what is meant by the term 'strategic cooperation,' an Israeli observer noted yesterday. Nevertheless, Israel would almost inevitably be accused of 'collusion' by the Arab world if the U.S. acted in Lebanon.

Some commentators here believe that Washington is not considering a major ground action in Lebanon but rather — if at all — a brief and more limited operation.

There is also an assessment here that part of the U.S. naval force will proceed through the Suez Canal to take up position in proximity to the Persian Gulf.

MK favours IAI taking over engine firm

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Beit Shemesh Engines plant should be sold to Israel Aircraft Industries as a subsidiary corporation, Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment-Labour) suggested yesterday in a letter to Knesset Finance Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz.

Katz-Oz, who asked Lorincz to arrange a committee debate on the

problems of Beit Shemesh Engines, noted that the plant is mainly involved in manufacturing the engine for the projected Lavie warplane.

Three firms could be considered as potential buyers of Beit Shemesh Engines, Katz-Oz noted: Koor, Clal and IAI.

He warned that the fate of the plant and of its 1,600 employees is in the balance.

Tel Aviv nurses' sanctions hamper hospital treatment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Patients who came to Ichilov Hospital for treatment yesterday found the emergency-room doors closed as part of the nurses' sanctions. Rokah Hospital's emergency room followed suit and closed at noon yesterday. The two hospitals will not admit new patients, except for acute emergency cases, until the nurses personnel shortage is solved, the

nurses' works committee announced yesterday.

Tel Aviv's three hospitals are short of some 40 nurses with the main burden falling on Ichilov. Ichilov's chest surgery department has less than half the nurses it needs to function, and its director wants to close it, it was learned.

The nurses declared a work dispute over two weeks ago.

Golan Druse criticize schools

Post Education Reporter

"Our children are studying in slum conditions, and when they visit schools in Kiryat Shmona or kibbutzim in Galilee, they ask us why the Druse are being punished," Habbus Maged, the principal of the regional high school in the Druse village of Mas'ada in the Golan Heights, told the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

Maged was speaking at a special session of the committee called to examine school-building conditions among the Golan Druse.

Ora Namir, chairwoman of the committee, convened the special session after visiting the Golan Heights last month. She said that she saw good schools and "marvellous, dedicated teachers" among

the Druse, but appalling physical facilities. She had voted against the annexation of the Golan Heights in August 1982, but "once a law is passed we all have to accept it, and this law means that the Golan Druse are equal citizens of the State of Israel in all respects."

Druse educators and local council heads claimed at the session yesterday that they were short at least 30 classrooms and that children are being taught in rooms rented in local shops and in shelters. Sometimes "there are classrooms of no more than 16 square metres and each contains a teacher and 30 pupils. There is no room for a table for the teacher or any way for him to move around to check students' work," said Salam Hativ from Reja.

ARAFAT IN LAST-DITCH BATTLE

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them together at Israel." By last night, however, Arafat gave no indication that he is now more prepared than at any time since the rebellion broke out last May to capitulate to the rebels' demands, which he has made plain would reduce the PLO to a puppet in the hands of the Syrians.

Arafat's loyalists answered an intensified attack on their camp outside Tripoli with artillery barrages both from the camp and the city itself.

The artillery and rocket attack on the Baddawi camp began after midnight and escalated through the day. Plumes of smoke from almost a dozen fires set off by artillery could be seen burning along the northern edge of the camp.

By mid-afternoon, explosions from incoming artillery could be heard in Tripoli itself, and Arafat again blamed the Syrians — not dissidents within his own PLO — for the attacks on his last stronghold in the Middle East.

"They have made a decision to attack the city," he said of the Syrians as he spoke briefly with reporters outside a PLO head-

quarters in Tripoli. But before he spoke, his loyalist terrorists had been firing steady rocket and mortar barrages for several hours from batteries in Tripoli's port area and along the

road just north of the city. The loyalist firing was aimed at dissident positions in the hills to the north and east of the Baddawi camp.

Arafat, who has claimed 25,000 Syrian troops are backing the rebel PLO force, was asked how long the fighting could continue. "You have to ask President Assad. He's attacking, not me," said Arafat referring to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

When asked what he was telling Palestinian refugees in the Baddawi camp, Arafat replied: "The most important thing to do is to defend them, to be with them to face our destiny."

Khalil Wazir, Arafat's top military aide, said the loyalist forces — believed to number up to 8,000 before the attack on them began last Thursday — drove back a three-pronged assault yesterday.

"They have failed," he said of the dissidents' assault on Baddawi. "They are using all their guns and we are still there."

France has contacted the other members of the European Common Market, Arab capitals and the UN over the situation.

The Netanya Region of A.A.C.I. Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel

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Gov't will back Ata, says company's boss

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The government is ready to assist the ailing Ata textile concern by arranging a \$6 million loan, Ata's general manager David Arbel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The company's shareholders have agreed to invest a further \$5m., he said.

Although the total is \$3m. less than Ata had requested, Arbel said it would be enough to secure the company's future and to prevent any factory closures.

The \$5m. from the shareholders will be raised by the issue of rights. We don't have to pay interest on share capital and this greatly increases its value," he said.

The government offer of help has yet to be officially approved, but Arbel was "very optimistic" that there would be no hitch.

"We have asked the government to guarantee the loan, since bankers are unwilling to accept our own securities. The industry and trade minister has promised to consult with the finance minister and we hope to have his positive response within the next few days. If everything is okay we will be able to put our long-term plan for saving the company into effect."

Arbel said the money would be used to repay short-term dollar loans which would give the firm breathing space to regain its stability. Ata, the largest and one of the oldest textile concerns in Israel, employing 2,600 people in Haifa and the north, has run up debts totalling more than \$20m.

Part of the recovery plan involves dismissing between 500 and 600 workers and stopping certain lines including work clothes, towels, diapers and certain fabrics which together constitute 15 per cent of the company's turnover. Profitable lines like children's clothes, mens shirts, Levi jeans, trousers and other items would be continued.

"By cutting down certain activities which will save money, we expect that 1984 will be a break-even year. If our forecasts are correct and the economic climate is right, we will then invest in equipment," he said.

The Post Knesset Reporter adds: Shoshana Arbel (Alignment) yesterday called on the government, the Eisenberg Group, which owns a large part of Ata, and Bank Leumi to "take all the necessary steps" to prevent the closing of Ata.

Presenting a motion for the agenda, Arbel said that the Eisenberg Group could not divest itself of responsibility for Ata's plight, and that it must therefore take part in its rehabilitation.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Peitl replied that the government's main interest in the matter is to protect the jobs of the workers.

He proposed that the matter be referred to the Knesset Finance Committee (rather than to the Economic Committee) because only the Finance Committee could inject the needed funds into the enterprises.

The motion was referred to the House Committee, which will decide to which committee the motion should be referred.

Coalition backs private bill on foreign-currency accounts

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The coalition yesterday approved the text of a private-member's bill by Law Committee chairman Eli Kulas, to give legal safeguards to the holders of foreign-currency deposits (*Patam*).

Under Kulas's law, the government would be forbidden to tax such foreign-currency deposits, or the profits earned through exchange-rate differentials between the date of purchase of the foreign currency and the date of sale, except where such profits are taxable today.

Since it is initiated by a coalition MK, this private-member's bill cannot be presented in the Knesset

before it is approved by the ministers of finance and justice.

Kulas explained in his addendum to the proposal that *Patam* accounts have become a form of savings and investment, and are preferable to cash or travellers cheques, as far as the national interest is concerned.

Giving legal form to the holding of such accounts would deter citizens from going to the black market transferring their money abroad, or spending their money on goods they do not need.

The law is essential to restore faith in savings, he said, and to make that faith doubly sure, a plenum-majority of 61 votes would be required to amend the law.

Funerals today for two more Tyre victims

ASHDOD (Item). — Turai Gavriel Ohanona, 27, the third victim of the Tyre bombing from this port town, was buried yesterday at the military section of the local cemetery.

Two more victims of the Tyre attack will be buried today. They are Border Police Rav-Samal Hadaya Hassan, whose funeral takes place at Bir Al-Asad, and Border Policeman Suleiman Barakat who will be buried at Kafr Yanueh.

Today, at police stations throughout the country, a special ceremony will be held to commemorate the victims of the attack, which included 16 Border Police officers. A special order of the day from Minister of Interior Yosef Burg will be read.

French Minister sends condolences

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre has sent a telegram of condolence to the people of Israel on the losses in the Tyre military headquarters terrorist attack.

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Dr. YEHOSHUA OSCAR ZANGEN

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday November 8, 1983, at Kfar Samir cemetery, Haifa at 2 p.m.

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The Taslitt, Rothman, Liston, Twersky, and Bernstein families



U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler exchanges gifts with Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor in Jerusalem yesterday, while Health Minister Eliezer Shostak looks on. (Yitzhak Harari)

Visiting Health Secretary reveals:

U.S. weighing lessons of attack on marines

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Visiting U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler said yesterday that the decision to evacuate American marines wounded in last month's Beirut bombing to hospitals in Europe rather than to Israeli hospitals was a "medical judgment made by the military based on prior military plans."

"I assume there will be a reconsideration of these plans and that the secretary of defence will deal with future illnesses and injuries (among U.S. military personnel) taking into account all he's learned from this extreme and very sad experience," she said.

Speaking after a meeting with top Health Ministry officials in Health Minister Eliezer Shostak's office in Jerusalem, Heckler declined any further comment on "political" issues and emphasized instead the "extremely close cooperation and coordination" between Israel and the U.S. in the fields of health and social welfare.

Heckler arrived in Israel on Sunday for a four-day official visit, at

the invitation of Shostak.

Noting that this was her first official bilateral trip since assuming her post last March, Heckler repeatedly stressed her strong support and admiration for Israel and called for expanding the "already close collaborative ties" between the two countries.

"We invite you to our laboratories and hospitals, to meet with our doctors and experts, so that your health care system and ours can attain the common goal of preserving and enhancing life," she said at a luncheon yesterday at the Knesset. Earlier, she met with Labour and Social Affairs Committee chairman Menahem Porush and members of the committee, and with Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor.

Heckler, 52, served 16 years in the House of Representatives and was the senior ranking woman in Congress when Reagan appointed her to her present post. The Department of Health and Human Services has the third largest budget in the world, exceeded only by the total federal outlays of the U.S. government and those of the Soviet Union, she said.

Treasury pressed to name banks which hold up taxes

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Treasury has refused for the time being to give the Knesset State Control Committee details of banks that earn illicit profits by holding customers' tax payments longer than permitted before passing them on to the Treasury.

The State Comptroller reported that Finance Ministry supervision of the banks with respect to tax transfers was often remiss, especially in the case of the Lebanon war loans. Some banks failed to give the Treasury orderly details of payments of this levy, he said.

When committee chairman Avraham Katz-Oz asked the deputy income tax commissioner for the names of the banks at fault, the officials said he would have to consult with the legal adviser of the income tax authorities before he could reply. Katz-Oz said that the committee would insist on the details.

The State Comptroller reported that in May the Treasury allowed the banks to keep tax transfers longer than usual, to help the banks support the price of their shares.

Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberal) complained that the Treasury acted illegally in giving the banks such permission. Even when the Treasury later asked the Knesset Finance Committee to endorse its actions, he complained, the Treasury told the committee that only IS1 billion was involved, and not the correct amount, IS3b.

The director-general of the Postal Bank said he could collect all the taxes involved more cheaply than the commercial banks.

El Al signs agreement for flights to Caribbean

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al has signed an agreement to operate fortnightly flights from Switzerland to the Dominican Republic, the company announced here yesterday.

Beginning on December 23, an El Al Boeing 707 will fly from Tel Aviv to Zurich and then — for Dominair, a Dominican airline, to Santo Domingo and back. The agreement, which will expire next June, enables El Al to sell tickets for flights to the Caribbean.

El Al spokesman Nahman Klienman said the agreement will not only bring the airline a profit, it will also make it possible to investigate the Caribbean market and to decide whether to open a regular service of its own.

Bus driver committed 109 traffic offences

TEL AVIV (Iim). — A private bus driver yesterday was fined IS25,000, disqualified from driving for six months and given a three-year suspended driving disqualification for causing a three-car pile up.

Tel Aviv traffic court heard that Musar Wadal of Kafr Ara had not kept the correct distance from the car in front of him, had hit it, thus causing the pile-up. Wadal had amassed a total of 109 offences.

Missing woman found in wadi near Netanya

NETANYA (Iim). — A 59-year-old woman from near Kfar Sava who went missing early last week was found in a wadi near the Wingate Institute here on Saturday. She was suffering from exposure and dehydration.

Police said they had questioned the woman several days before her

disappearance, when they found her wandering on the coastal highway. She told them she was on her way to her mother's in Haifa. Judging that she was mentally capable, police let her go.

After being treated in Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava, the woman was referred to a mental hospital.

Haifa bread industry 'far from hygienic'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The baking, transport and marketing of bread in this city is far from hygienic and often does not comply with existing regulations. A check made on International Bread Day last month by volunteers of the Labour Council's consumer authority showed unhygienic conditions all along the line, the council spokesman reported this week.

Supermarkets were found to be displaying bread on open shelves, contrary to regulations, and allowing customers to squeeze loaves,

Company may issue gold-linked bonds

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Andin Ltd. confirmed yesterday that it is considering issuing a series of debentures whose price will be linked to the

price of gold.

The company specializes in retail jewelry, and in the six months ending September 30 had sales of about IS300 million.

Municipal elections—round two:

Little excitement in local poll

Last-minute preparations for the second round of mayoral elections today were being completed in the Likud and Alignment headquarters in Tel Aviv yesterday. Both sides claimed that all the signs indicate a victory for their side today. Most observers admitted privately however, that there was little enthusiasm for the poll.

During the past week both parties stepped up their campaigns. The Likud sent ministers, deputy ministers and Knesset members to the 18 local authorities where they are facing a second election round. Spokesmen in both national parties' headquarters concede privately that the runoff votes will not indicate anything about national trends and changing political moods — any more than the first round did last month. But it is the ambition of both parties to score as many successes to bolster the claims of an overall nationwide victory which both parties liberally mallo following the first round of balloting.

Alignment headquarters election workers stated yesterday that no special preparations were being made for the second round. One election organizer told *The Jerusalem Post* that no transport to the polling stations is being arranged, and that none had been arranged for the first election round either. Asked what he and the other workers were doing one day before the elections, he said: "Nothing. We're here to talk to you on the telephone."

The Alignment is competing for the second time in 34 local authorities. Apart from the Likud, their opponents include National Religious Party candidates and rivals from other Alignment groupings.

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TV chiefs angry about strip-tease show

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority board of directors yesterday voiced its disapproval of a segment broadcast on last week's *This is the Time*, TV programme showing photographs of Tel Avivians in strip competitions.

The board told TV officials that in future they should get the management's approval before showing such items, and should not rely on their own judgement. Ram Evron, the host of the Monday night show,

Netanya

The Likud hopes to wrest the municipality from Labour control. Here the Likud's Yoel Elroy with 30 per cent is facing Labour's David Anzilevich with 29 per cent.

Ashdod

Any excitement about the re-run has fizzled out as most of the residents of this town are in shock and mourning for three of their fellow citizens, killed in the Tyre explosion. Incumbent Mayor Zvi Zilker (Independent-Likud) and Arye Azulai (Alignment) are expected to run a close race. The Alignment has already signed a coalition agreement giving it and its partners nine out of 17 seats. Likud activists are confident despite this claiming that Zilker is very popular.

Rehovot

Here too the Alignment has already signed a coalition agreement giving it a nine out of 17 seat majority. Incumbent Mayor Yehzekel Hamelech (Likud) feels confident despite this pact.

Development Towns

Labour claims to have made inroads into Likud support in development towns. Foremost among them is Kiryat Shmona, where the Likud hopes to win over a formerly Labour town. Kiryat Shmona is also regarded by Likud supporters as having benefited from the Lebanon War and hence the attitude of its voters to the Likud will be noted by analysts. The Likud's man, Prosper Azran won 34 per cent of the first vote, with Labour incumbent Avraham Aloo coming in with 20 per cent.

A similar situation exists in Dimona, with the Likud's Eliyahu Haleli having won 31 per cent on October 25, and Labour's Albert Buhut 25 per cent.

The Likud has ambitions in another Labour stronghold, Safad, where the Alignment's Amnon Gideon is leading with 31 per cent to the 38 per cent garnered by the Likud's Ze'ev Perl in the first round.

The family of Deputy Prime

Minister David Levy will try to produce another political star. Levy's younger brother Maxim will try to win the Lod mayorality from Lahur's Ze'ev Bistrizky, who last time around won 29 per cent of the vote. Maxim Levy got only 18 per cent but at the time he was an independent running against a split Likud list. Now he is running on behalf of the Likud.

Arab Sector

Nazareth: Mayoral run off votes will be held in seven Arab and Druse villages. In four villages: Umm el Fahm, Rama, Nahf and Kaboul the contest is between candidates who are supported by the Labour Party and those who are backed by the Rakah-led Democratic Front.

In the Druse village of Julis to West Western Galilee, in the Beduin village of Bismat Taboun, near Haifa, and in Baka el Gharbija one of the largest Arab villages near Netanya, the candidates are independent or maintain close relations with the Labour Party.

But the main political and mayoral struggle is in Umm el-Fahm, the largest Arab village inside the Green Line, with over 20,000 inhabitants. This town was governed by the Democratic Front until the municipal elections two weeks ago. In the first round Wajih Fiyad, a local dignitary, managed to compel the Front's Hisham Mahamid to go to another round.

IDF

Israeli soldiers serving in Lebanon start voting today. The balloting will continue tomorrow, and, if necessary on Thursday. Army sources said yesterday that every effort will be made to ensure that every soldier entitled to vote gets the opportunity to cast his ballot.

This round-up was compiled from reports by Sarah Honig, Michol Yudehman, Yitzhak Oked, Yoel Dar and Menahem Horowitz.

JERUSALEM POST POLL

Most expect little change in their standard of living

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most Israelis report little change in their standards of living in comparison with a year ago, and most do not expect much change in the coming year.

These findings emerged from the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by Modi in Ezrahi Research Institute. A representative sample of 1,236 persons were interviewed between October 12 and 21 — at the height of the recent financial crisis.

Over 32 per cent of those pulled predicted no change in their standard of living for the near future, while another 35.8 per cent foresaw only a "slight drop." An optimistic 6.9 per cent predict "a small increase," while 0.7 per cent thought their standard of living would "rise considerably."

Only 14.1 per cent expected a "sharp decline" in their standard of living and 9.9 per cent did not reply.

Looking back over the past year, 47.2 saw no change at all in their living standards, another 12.6 per cent reported a "small rise" and 22.5 per cent "a slight drop." For 3.8 per cent the past 12 months brought a "considerable increase" and for 12.8 per cent a considerable drop in living standards. One per cent did not answer.



All the stars of Cannon Film's new production, *The Ambassador*, have arrived in Israel and are scheduled to go to work on the movie today. At left, Rock Hudson is interviewed on Galei Zahal; centre, Ellen Burstyn arrives at Ben-Gurion airport; right, Fabio Testi, who plays a Palestinian terrorist, is welcomed to the Tel Aviv Hilton. Also starring in *The Ambassador* is Robert Mitchum. (IPPA)

Soviet Jewry activists look to Europe, S. America for aid

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Western activists on behalf of Soviet Jewry are trying to get help from non-Jewish Europeans and Latin Americans — and not just Americans — who may be more effective in putting pressure on the Soviet Union.

This new tactic "due to the deterioration" in relations between the superpowers, was disclosed yesterday by Jerry Goodman, director of the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry, which has brought a delegation to Israel for consultation with ministers and activists here. Goodman told a press conference in Jerusalem that during the last 18 months, western governments, have increasingly supported the cause of Soviet Jewish emigration.

"Virtually no doors are closed to us," said Goodman, whose delegation met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher before arriving here.

Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand, have also been helpful, Goodman said. "The question is how the Soviet Jewry movement can use these open doors."

Goodman reported that a conference of Latin American activists on behalf of Soviet Jewry will meet in Buenos Aires next month.

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WORLDReagan to avoid
trade arguments
on Japan visit

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Reagan, who leaves for Japan today, will emphasize political and military ties and avoid any clash over Japanese-American trade differences during his visit to Tokyo, U.S. officials said yesterday.

This will be Reagan's first presidential trip to Asia. After three days in Tokyo he will go to South Korea on Saturday before returning to the White House on November 14.

Japanese opt for
general elections

TOKYO (AP). — The government and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party have agreed to dissolve the House of Representatives on Nov. 26 to break the deadlock that began nearly four weeks ago, Kyodo news service reported yesterday.

Quoting LDP sources, Kyodo said government and LDP officials also decided to hold general elections on Dec. 18.

Pope to South Korea

SEOUL (Reuter). — Pope John Paul will visit South Korea next May, Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday.

New Zealand armed police may go to Grenada

WELLINGTON, New Zealand. — Prime Minister Robert Muldoon confirmed yesterday that New Zealand is prepared to supply about two dozen armed police as part of a multinational force in Grenada.

It would have a law-and-order role rather than a peace-keeping one, which Muldoon said was liable to be construed as an extension of the U.S. military presence, officials said.

Muldoon said the commitment would depend on discussions between Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shreeve and the Grenada administration.

Meanwhile, members of a U.S. congressional delegation, due in Washington yesterday after a fact-finding visit to Grenada, were expected to urge President Reagan to

withdraw remaining U.S. forces there as soon as possible. But after hearing pleas from Grenadian Governor-General Paul Scoon that a continued U.S. military presence is vital to security on the island, some of the 14-member delegation said that removal of the American forces might take longer than first expected.

"If we announce our military is leaving in two or three or four weeks from now, we would receive a lot of petitions asking us to stay," Thomas Foley, a Washington state Democrat who headed the bipartisan delegation, told reporters in Grenada after meeting Scoon on Saturday.

Foley said the delegation did not want to see Grenada's security

jeopardized, but the possibility of a longer-term U.S. military role on the island might generate opposition in Congress.

Scoon has said he would like to see some U.S. troops remain until elections are held in the next six to 12 months.

Prime Minister Edward Seaga of Jamaica met with President Reagan on Sunday in Washington. Later Seaga told reporters that U.S. troops should be able to leave Grenada "reasonably soon."

"From the very beginning we were of the view that as soon as hostilities ceased the U.S. troops would, if they wished to, withdraw and then we would be able to carry on," said Seaga, who represents one of the Caribbean nations that asked

the U.S. to intervene in Grenada. Seaga, whose nation has about 150 troops in the military occupation force in Grenada, said the troops of his country and the other Caribbean nations — about 300 in total — could maintain stability in Grenada without the U.S. if they could obtain the necessary equipment.

U.S. aid will help rebuild the mental hospital in St. George's, Grenada, accidentally bombed during the American invasion, officials announced Sunday in St. George's.

The attack on the hospital, which American officials say was being used as a base for the People's Revolutionary Army, left 16 people dead. (AP, Reuter).

Quake hits
north China

PEKING (AP). — An earthquake killed at least 30 people and destroyed houses with a total of 10,000 rooms in northeast China's Shandong province yesterday, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Xinhua said rescue operations were under way in Heze and Dongming counties, about 545 kilometres south of Peking.

The State Seismology Bureau in Peking said the quake had a magnitude of 5.9 on the Richter scale.

The bureau said the quake knocked down old houses and smokestacks and cracked walls in other buildings.

Xinhua said the quake was felt in areas along the border of Shandong, Hebei and Henan provinces.

Iranian exiles
protest in five cities

LONDON (AP). — Anti-Khomeini exiles attacked Iran Air Offices in five cities yesterday, spray-painting the walls with slogans, ripping down pictures of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and assaulting an office manager.

A spokeswoman for the Organization of Iranian Peoples' Fedai Guerrillas in London said the protests were "against the ongoing executions and mass arrests by the Islamic regime in Iran and to deplore the policy of silence adopted by western governments and media."

In London, 10 Iranians occupied Iran Air's ticket office in Piccadilly. They sprayed slogans on the walls for about a half-hour before police arrived and arrested them, a spokeswoman at Scotland Yard reported. Airline officials said damage was extensive.

In Vienna, eight of 15 protesters were detained after an hour-long sit-in, police said. An eyewitness said a large police contingent moved in to remove the protesters after they were seen ransacking the offices. There were protests too, in Paris, Brussels and New Delhi.

Man sets self afire in Red Square

MOSCOW (AP). — A man set himself on fire in front of the Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square yesterday afternoon, less than 2 hours after the giant Revolution Day parade had crossed the cobblestone plaza, witnesses said.

The witnesses said the man's face appeared to have been badly

burned but that he was alive when KGB agents hustled him away about three minutes after he doused himself and lit the fire.

The man's briefcase and some clothing stripped away from his body by the KGB continued burning for about 10 minutes, they said.

SYRIA NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR WAR

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He reckoned the time is ripe for a tacit agreement over Lebanon.

The agreement should entail an Israeli withdrawal on condition the Syrians do not advance beyond their present lines and do their best to prevent terrorist attacks on the Golan. Syrian achievements in Tripoli will probably put the Lebanese in a better position to control the terrorist organizations. — and Damascus has already proven its effectiveness in preventing terrorist attacks across the Golan border, Yarov said.

Working out a tacit Israeli-Syrian arrangement will require a few months. Israel must use the time for talks with the Christians, Druse and Shi'ite Moslems to build a local infrastructure to prevent the PLO from returning to Southern Lebanon. Indicating he expected local cooperation, Yarov said, "It's in their interest, too."

Asked why Syria should be interested in an arrangement with Israel, Yarov said the IDF would pull back from its positions which are only 30 kilometres from Damascus. According to the report, Israel's present deployment forced Syria to send three divisions to protect the new flank.

Israel would also hold the May agreement with Lebanon in abeyance and tacitly recognize Syria's special position in Lebanon, Yarov said.

According to Yarov this was not a high price to pay. The May agreement is in any case in abeyance and Syria has proved its special standing.

However, Israel should not publicly drop the May agreement and should be ready for only tacit agreements with Damascus, Yarov said.

He recalled such an arrangement once existed. Several years ago Israel had warned Syria not to pass the Kfar Meshk line. Syria sent a small unit beyond it "and we acted." Eventually a "red line" had been drawn.

Israel must be ready for a situation where there will be nothing in writing. "Maybe they won't even say we agree. When the message is passed the only reaction will be 'we heard,'" he told military correspondents here.

Discussing the overall military balance in the Middle East, Yarov said enemy forces combined outnumber Israel by 2.5 or three to one. But the balance continues to favour Israel largely because of the deep split in the Arab world.

The split had been vividly demonstrated during the war in Lebanon. This proved no Arab state can expect to confront Israel successfully in the near future unless it successfully launches a surprise attack.

Israel can also count on the superior training of its men, their ability to get the most from each weapon system and do a better job than the enemy in integrating these systems in tactical operations.

But the enemy's weapons are improving — partly because Soviet arms are improving and partly because some Arab countries are now getting western arms, Yarov noted.

The 385-page book unveiled yesterday includes a survey of the major strategic developments in the Middle East during the past two years, an inventory of military forces from Morocco to Oman, and an analysis of military balances in various Middle Eastern conflicts.

Soviets working on psycho-weapons, says Pentagon study

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Soviet Union has achieved "significant progress" towards developing mind-control weapons, according to a U.S. army study disclosed in a new book on the military uses of psychic phenomena.

Author Martin Ebon contends that mind-altering effects or "remote monitoring of brain-wave activity" are among possible reasons behind the Soviet microwave bombardment of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

"Soviet scientists view the brain as an apparatus available for probing and manipulation," Ebon says. "They are well aware that techniques in ESP and other phenomena would make effective wartime strategies."

Publication of Ebon's book, *Psychic Warfare: Threat or Illusion?*

comes amid increased interest in parapsychology research on Capitol Hill as well as within the Pentagon and U.S. intelligence agencies.

A report prepared recently by the Congressional Research Service, an arm of the Library of Congress, concluded that PSI phenomena could be applied in fields such as education, medicine, geological exploration and business management.

Mind-control techniques also may prove useful for "military intelligence and police work" along with "crime, persuasion, mischief and disinformation," it said.

PSI phenomena include various forms of extrasensory perception, for example telepathy and "remote viewing" of distant locations. Another form is psychokinesis, the ability to move or bend solid objects with the mind.

Congressional supporters of PSI research include Sen. Claiborne Pell, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He said he had discussed the parapsychology field with Soviet researchers during a visit to the Soviet Union in August.

The 1981 army study, quoted at length in Ebon's book, analyzed the potential impact of psychic warfare tactics, as well as other battlefield factors, on the stamina and performance of U.S. artillery forces.

It described "psychotronics" — the projection and transmission of mental energy by individual or collective mental discipline and control, or by an energy-emitting device.

The report cited "the significant amount of research that has been completed by Warsaw Pact

countries during the past decade in the area of psychic phenomena, of which psychotronics is one element." "The Soviet Union, in particular, appears to have made significant progress toward developing psychotronic weapons," said the study, entitled *Fire Support Mission Area Analysis*.

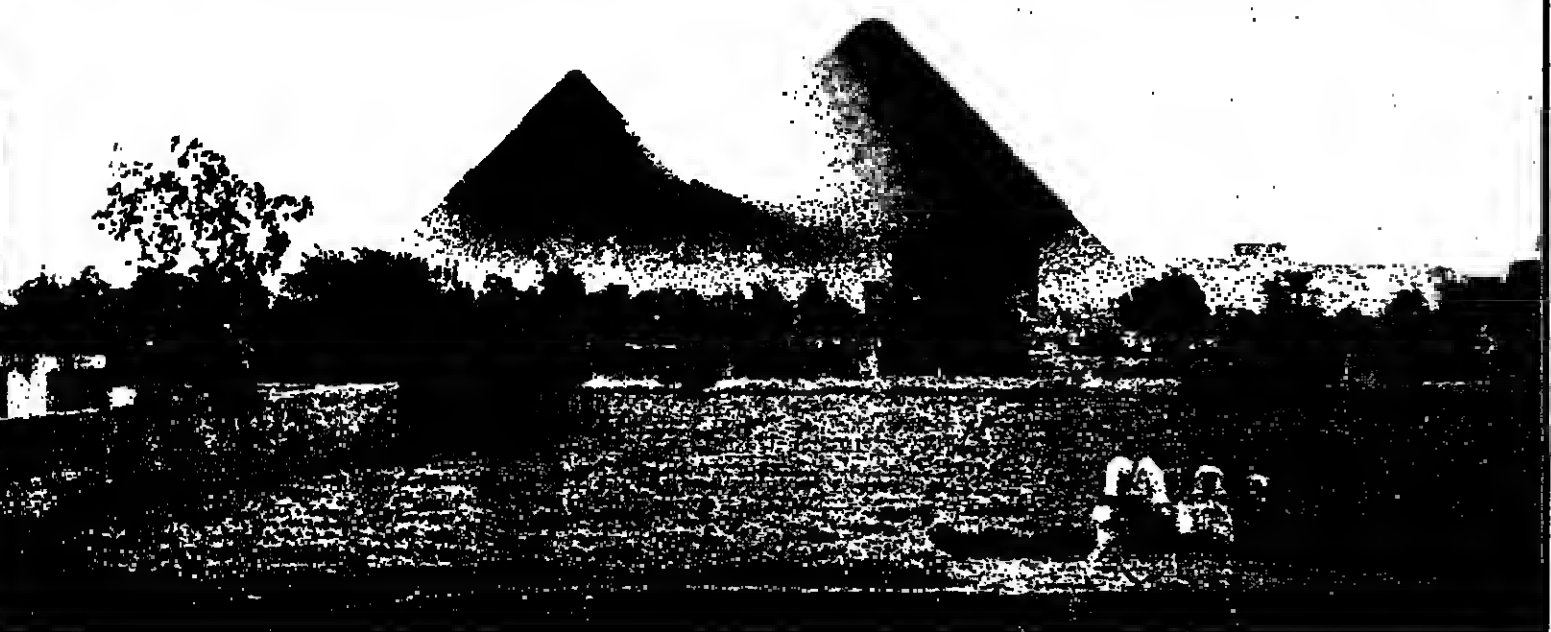
To counter that potential threat, it said, the U.S. should develop special defensive tactics and begin to explore the use of its own mind-control weapons.

The Central Intelligence Agency scaled down its involvement with psychic research during the mid-1970s. But a U.S. government official said that currently "there seems to be somewhat renewed interest at the CIA in PSI phenomena, particularly (psychokinetic) metal-bending."

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Rembrandts found
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NEW YORK (AP). — The FBI believes it has found five stolen Rembrandt etchings worth \$500,000 in a coin locker at the Grand Central Station railroad terminal in Manhattan.

The FBI said two of the art works, "Presentation in the Temple in the Ark Manner" and "Clement De Jonghe, Printseller," are believed to have been stolen from the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa on October 14. A spokesman said two gallery officials would arrive today to certify that the etchings are the work of the 17th-century Dutch master.

The other three works — "Faust," "Van der Lodeo," and "Manasseh" — are believed to have been stolen from the Byrd Library at Syracuse University on August 10.

The FBI did not say how agents learned that the etchings were in the train station.

Canadian authorities, however, issued a nationwide alert for a man they say identified himself to gallery officials as Thomas Cruz of Syracuse. Sgt. John Lyons of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the man was given access to the etchings after he said he was researching an art book.

Lyons said shortly after the theft the robber probably expected he would have months to unload the etchings, but the gallery's curator of prints, Douglas Drueck, happened to be doing research on Rembrandt and discovered within 24 hours that the two art works had been replaced with copies.

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Sports

Evert, Connors
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HOUSTON (AP). — Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors completed their first tournament together in nine years by defeating Andrea Jaeger and Roscoe Tanner in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 to win the first prize in the \$400,000 world mixed doubles tennis championships.

Connors and Lloyd who last played as partners in 1974 when they were engaged to be married share the \$100,000 first prize.

Connors mixed clowning with masterful tennis, in an exhilarating display while Lloyd was equally effective and did not lose her serve throughout the match.

Mary Winder had little trouble defeating Vitas Gerulaitis 6-3, 6-3 but Tomas Sanda of Czechoslovakia just edged American Peter Fleming 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 to qualify for the final of the Stockholm Grand Prix.

Winder is seeded third behind John McEnroe (who is ending a month's suspension) and Connors in the \$315,000 Benson and Hedges Grand Prix starting in London today. Israel's Shlomo Glickstein had received a relatively comfortable first round match in the high-quality draw. He faces Italian champ Corrado Barazzutti who is seeded 45th in the world, about 10 places below the Israeli No. 1.

Never too late

to come back

NEW YORK (AP). — Running back James Wilder sprinted 75 yards for a touchdown and David Logan returned a fumble 54 yards for another score to help Tampa Bay to their first victory of the season on Sunday as the Buccaneers edged the Minnesota Vikings 17-12 in the National Football League. Wilder's run was the longest in Tampa Bay history. He carried 31 times for 219 yards, breaking Ricky Bell's single-game team rushing record of 167 yards.

In other games, it was Dallas 27, Philadelphia 20; Pittsburgh 26, San Diego 27; New Orleans 27, Atlanta 10; Cincinnati 55, Houston 14; Green Bay 35, Cleveland 21; Los Angeles Raiders 22, Kansas City 20; New England 24, Buffalo 7; Miami 20, San Francisco 17; Seattle 27, Denver 19; Los Angeles Rams 21, Chicago 14; Baltimore 17, New York Jets 14; Washington 45, St. Louis 7.

Miami beat the AC East with a 7-3 record followed by Baltimore and Buffalo on 6-4; Pittsburgh 5-2 and Cleveland 5-2; while the Raiders beat the West on 7-3 followed by Denver and Seattle on 6-4.

In the NC, East Dallas are 9-1 and Washington 8-2; Minnesota lead the Central with 6-4 from the Packers 5-5 with the Rams, New Orleans and San Francisco all 4-4 in the West.

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THE SECOND million, they say, is easier than the first. A case in point is a rather special international music festival, the second of its kind in West Germany, which has just wound up at an unusual location — a converted 19th-century railway station.

For a long time, Johannes Wasmuth, director-impresario and chief cook and bottle washer of Bahnhof Rolandseck, a few kilometers from the West German capital of Bonn, had a dream: a master music workshop where "future musicians would come into more intimate contact with well-known soloists from world-famous orchestras."

In the fall of 1982, his dream began to take shape in the form of the First Rolandseck International Music Festival — a festival with a difference. He was helped by soloists from the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: concertmaster Chaim Taub, Daniel Benyamini (viola), bassoonist Mordechai Reichman and flautist Uri Shoham. Israeli pianists Pinna Salzman and Milka Lauch and cellist Uzi Wiesell joined the team of teachers.

But polishing the performances of individual young musicians, was only one third of the programme the organizers set themselves. Aim number two was to create chamber music ensembles. Thus the young players, who hailed from several countries, not only met and mingled in a pleasant, professional atmosphere, but were able, after only a few days of intensive instruction and practice, to make music together.

And the music-loving public got its share, too. For some 14 consecutive evenings, the Rolandseck hall, with its windows overlooking the Rhine, resounded with concerts given by the Philharmonic players, the youthful soloists and the various

ad hoc chamber groups.

After some early technical problems, it soon became apparent that the pioneer project was headed for success. The local press printed rave reviews about the festival, where 15 renowned Israeli musicians were moulding some 40 young talents from nine countries (there was even a violinist from Poland) into future virtuosi.

Shortly after the intensive musical sessions got underway, two very young Tel Aviv violinists, Shira Ravin, 13, and Roy Shiloach, 12, attracted special attention.

A VERY LARGE audience applauded the two young artists again this September, when they played Bach's Double Concerto with the Israel Philharmonic at Bonn's Beethovenhalle. (The Israeli's guest performance was actually held in a huge, hastily erected tent; the capital's concert hall had been severely damaged in July by unknown arsonists.)

Ravin and Shiloach joined 12 other young Israeli musicians who arrived later this fall to participate in the second festival to which the London Philharmonic sent some dozen soloists. While the Polish violinist did not receive permission to attend this time, the young musicians numbered 10 more than in 1982.

Once again, the Israel Philharmonic's Chaim Taub took charge of the activities, and was satisfied with the teaching and performing results. Last year's experience, he says, helped facilitate the smooth running of the second round of the experiment.

Again the critics waxed enthusiastic over the concerts, singling out each London Philharmonic soloist and the young Israelis, among them violinist Tali Steiner and the second generation musi-

Dream come true

By SHOSHANA RA'ANAN / Special to The Jerusalem Post



Teenage violinist Tali Steiner.

cians, pianists Ilan Rechtman and Yaron Taub.

Among the concert public were the American ambassador to Bonn, Arthur Burns and his wife Helen; Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Ben-Ari and his wife Pinna, and numerous German dignitaries. Next year, director Wasmuth and Taub hope to run the third festival with members of the Berlin Philharmonic.

mostly works by Jean Arp, the sprawling edifice in late classical style still functions as the railroad station it was built as in 1856. It is, in fact, the oldest station in Germany, with some 300 trains whizzing by daily, 40 making a brief stop.

Queen Victoria and Kaiser Wilhelm II halted at Bahnhof Rolandseck to admire the view which explorer-scientist Alexander

Humboldt dubbed "one of the seven most beautiful sights in the world" and to which Queen Elizabeth of Rumania once wrote a paean of praise under her pen-name, Carmen Sylva. Here, too, Franz Liszt dazzled audiences with his concerts; young Guillaume Apollinaire wrote scores of poems, and a production of George Bernard Shaw's first play was staged.

(Camilla Fischer)

An inspiring conductor

MUSIC REVIEWS

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Charles Dutoit conducting, with Andrea Schiffrin, piano (Binyamin Haim, Jerusalem, November 6). Edgar Varese: *Intégrales*; Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 23, in E-flat major, K. 455; Shostakovich: Symphony No. 15, in A minor, opus 141.

EDGAR VARESE (1883-1965) — a century neglected — had to fight all his life for recognition and acceptance. He was an outstanding pioneer of "organized sound" (his term for "music") and later electronics, but his works have never captured a wider audience though they drew respect and admiration from forward-looking people.

His *Intégrales* written in 1924-25, scored for 11 winds and 4 percussionists, sounds even today, after nearly 60 years, quite avant-garde. But discriminating listeners, having had the advantage of hearing so much inferior work by so-called contemporary and avant-garde composers, are impressed with its economy of means, stimulating contrasts in melodic and rhythmic material and with its overwhelmingly sincere and strong personality which is possessed with the rightness of his language.

The performance was utterly committed and appeared well rehearsed, with Charles Dutoit directing the ensemble with decisive, though sparing, movements. The same concentrated and restrained, though perfectly authoritative, lead from the rostrum was felt throughout the concert.

In the Mozart, Dutoit inspired the orchestra to beautifully synthesized sonorities in conformity with the pianist's interpretation, and in the Shostakovich again, chamber music-like dynamics and transparency of structures were reproduced by the orchestra in consonance with the conductor's inspiring leadership.

The symphony, posing through the quotations from Rossini and, in particular, Wagner, an enigma to commentators, received a thoroughly competent and convincing performance. Its scherzando passages were appropriately light and the tragically meditative slow movement was carried by the beautiful joll of concertmaster Uri Plianka and cello-leader Marcel Bergman. The last movement un-

fortunately weakens the impact of the symphony as a whole as Shostakovich does not seem to come to an end and his inspiration fails to pass on his message if there was one.

The soloist of the evening, young Andrea Schiffrin, pleased tremendously with his lyrical approach and elegant phrasing, faultless technical fluency and controlled dynamics. One is accustomed to and may even prefer a more virile interpretative attitude, but the pianist made his point and it was a pleasure to hear again a musical pianist, not a robot or computerized keyboard technician.

A playful encore — Mozart's Sonatina C Major, 1st movement — with little embellishments of his own performed tongue-in-cheek — further strengthened the belief that here is a pianist who will be heard of in future with great anticipation.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra was in splendid form and reacted to the excellent guest conductor with alacrity and complete empathy.

HOMAGE RAMEAU — Varda Nishri, piano (Church of the Redeemer, Old City of Jerusalem, November 3). Rameau: Suite in E Minor; Le Dauphine; L'Égyptienne; La Poule; Gavotte variée; Bach: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor and G Minor, two Chorale-Préludes; Debussy: Homage to Rameau; "Four in Piano."

THE CENTENARY of Wagner's death and the 150th anniversary of Brahms' birth, were marked this year abundantly and unobscuredly, as they are sufficiently known and their works widely performed. Jean-Philippe Rameau had to depend on Varda Nishri to remind us that he existed. I have not heard of any event, either in Israel or abroad, marking the 300th anniversary of his birth; yet, in his time, Rameau was the foremost French composer and an eminent innovator in the theory of harmony.

As always, Varda Nishri presented a carefully constructed programme, bringing out similarities, by accident or design, in the work by others to that of a central figure of her choosing. This time it was Rameau, who was a contemporary of J.S. Bach, Handel, Scarlatti and Telemann, and was thus somewhat overshadowed by them.

BAHNHOF Rolandseck has a curious, legendary history. A rendezvous on the Rhine filled with modern paintings and sculpture,

in her introductory explanations (in three languages), there was a pleasing informality, creating the atmosphere of a family gathering for the purpose of hearing fine music — a beautiful change from customary recitals.

The juxtaposition of the three composers in alternating order made for contrast and pointed up, in a refreshing way, various cross-influences. Varda Nishri uses her pianistic ability to serve the music and not her ego, unlike many of her colleagues.

Rameau was represented by some of his most attractive baroque pieces, but the outstanding work of the evening was, of course, Debussy's *Pour le Piano*, in which Varda Nishri revealed her superior technical and musical faculties. Her impressive execution of the work crowned an evening of unusual quality and intimate music making.

YOHANAN BOEHM

GILAS TRIO of Holland: Gil Sharon, violin; Alexander Petrush, cello; Sofia Shapiro, harpsichord and piano (Tel Aviv Museum, November 11). Lockart Trio presents: Wanda Chaconne for cello and harpsichord; Lockart: Sonata for violin and harpsichord; Rameau: Trio; Mendelssohn: Trio No. 1, Op. 43, in D Minor.

EACH MEMBER of the Gilas Trio can be proud of his or her technical prowess, broad and strong tone and teamwork. In all four Baroque pieces, there were no flaws in coordination or accuracy of intonation. These indeed are precious assets, but as one soon realized, they do not guarantee meritorious chamber music performances. The four Baroque-Rococo pieces were all much too loud in sound and aggressive in character. One looked in vain for the slightest refinement.

Gil Sharon may be an excellent instrumentalist, capable of brilliant virtuosity, but he apparently knows little about modulation of tone and dynamics. He simply bursts out of his instrument, overpowering the music and the composer. The same must be said for cellist Alexander Petrush.

In all Baroque music, the melodic instruments have, of course, a clear and undeniable predominance over the continuo (harpsichord), but in this performance the soloists inflated their parts to such an extent that all resemblance to Baroque style vanished.

The Mendelssohn Trio fared no better. Again no flaws in teamwork and *esprit de corps* could be detected. But again the approach was crude and aggressive, volume becoming the main issue. How can such lovely music be treated so?

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

SINCE FRIDAY'S tragic events at Tyre hit us without warning, it was perhaps excusable, from a technical point of view at least, that Israel Radio continued its usual programmes with a "show must go on" attitude. I would have expected for some less jovial music — and would certainly have called a halt to the patter of disc jockey Yossi Graber.

And why did the Army spokesman restrict us to foreign news sources? The least he should have done was issue a simultaneous announcement keeping us informed, and explaining that a head-count was underway, which was the reason no initial casualty estimates could be released.

EARLIER in the week, the almighty dollar was still uppermost in everybody's mind.

Considering our present circumstances, I enjoyed listening in to the Ministry of Supply and Rationing, Dov Joseph, explaining to us in the recording of a speech made back in 1949 just why rationing had become necessary. (*Matters of Taste*, First Programme, Saturday morning.) Thank you also, Rivka Michaili for the recording of Reb Uri Zohar and Shaikha Ophir cracking jokes at each other. Heaven knows, we have little enough to laugh about these days. On the subject of the dollar-linked Putnam savings ac-

Ill-timed patter

LISTENING IN... / Ze'ev Schul

counts, Michaeli delivered herself of the view that the acronym might stand for *peti, nui she-ma aulin* (fool he who trusts).

IN THESE trying times, a special vote of thanks is due to those who are racking their brains for ways to put our import-export balance back in the black. Energy "savers" a la Meridor notwithstanding, an art student called Yehuda Ohana claims (*Meetings*, First Programme, Thursday morning) to have come up with a disposable thermometer, whose novelty lies in the replacement of mercury with alcohol, which propels a little glass bubble inside a hollow glass tube to indicate the temperature on a card-board gauge. There's no need for sterilization, no risk of pilfering and breakage is a matter of small concern.

Moreover, the inventor points out children given to chewing the thermometer will feel, at worst, a bit tipsy. (We were not told whether the glass components were digesti-

ble. If they are, here's a promotion suggestion: why not substitute the alcohol with anything ranging from, say, Chivas Regal to Armagnac VSOP five stars, or, for real connoisseurs, pre-billed thermometers loaded with Bommerlunder, what they call firewater where I come from?)

GIDEON HOD'S motoring hour is being switched as of this week to the Second Programme at 4 o'clock on weekdays — a promotion of sorts, I suppose. Let's hope his selection of motoring features equals his choice of light classical music interludes.

I still think we should have more and longer programmes for the driving public, especially rush-hour city drivers and long-distance inter-city motorists. Much could be done in the way of relieving pressure on the roads. There are, for instance, two motorways connecting Haifa with Tel Aviv. People heading northwards often prefer the western road, which is, I often find, badly congested. It would be worthwhile instead to take the Geha road and

Menuhin, Marcel Mareeau and Oskar Kokoschka. In 1966, Kokoschka painted a portrait of then Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, which sold for DM 200,000 and was presented to the German government head on his 90th birthday, with the proceeds going to the Bahnhof project.

At last there was enough money to put some of Wasmuth's ideas into practice. In 1967 Martha Argerich was the first artist to live and work at Rolandseck for an extended period. She was followed by scores of others — painters, sculptors and musicians (including Fidel Castro's pianist brother-in-law). All found inspiration in the calm surroundings (and excellent cuisine) of this cultural haven.

Once Wasmuth had won the active support of the authorities of the state of the Rhineland-Palatinate, the station once again became the scene of a series of artistic happenings. Some were experimental, some conventional, but all were special. Indian temple dancers, the New York Living Theatre, a Swiss clown-pantomimist, French theatre giant Jean-Louis Barrault, Joan Kennedy, who read *Peter and the Wolf*, trumpet virtuoso Maurice Andre, and a music-theatre group from Buenos Aires.

A highlight in the Bahnhof's renewed artistic life was a concert in March 1980 marking the first anniversary of the Camp David accords. The "peace concert" was held under the patronage of the Egyptian and Israeli ambassadors and featured Bahnhof "regulars" Pinchas Zuckerman and Mare Ncikrug.

continue from a point north of Beit Lid, even as far as Hadera or Zichron Yaakov.

Other alternatives are open to those heading into the Emek and the Eastern Galilee — the Wadi Ara and Wadi Milk routes. Western Galilee is also accessible through Yokneam, Ahihud and so on, obviating the slow crawl through the industrial Krayot area of Haifa. The police could cooperate with radio patrols warning drivers of congestion, fog and other hazards and suggesting alternative routes.

Were Hod to provide us with all this, plus an occasional quality motoring feature, my cup would overflow. Was he listening by the way, when someone on the air earlier this week mentioned that U.S. President Ronald Reagan "became a national celebrity as a sports commentator, something like our Gideon Hod?"

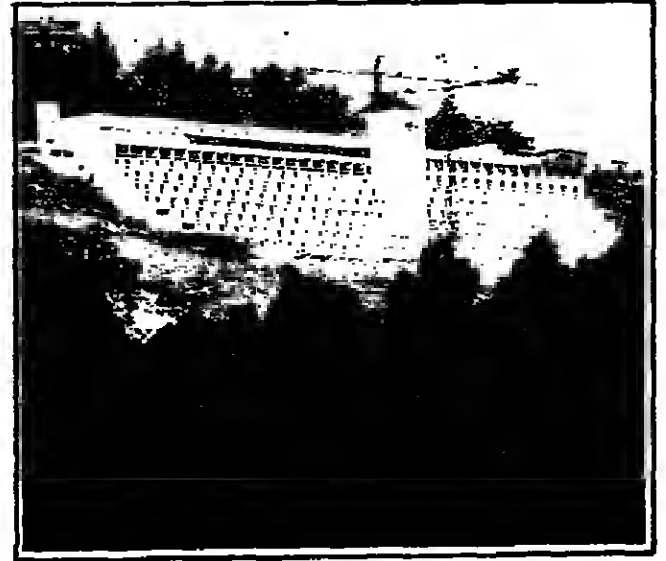
Last week Martha Meisels wrote about some of the things she would do as reigning monarch. Were she, in this capacity, to appoint me head of radio programming, I'd call in Dan Kaner, who provides us with an enjoyable variety of old-time music between two and four every day. His only minus is that he insists on feeding us those impossible lyrics as well.

And what happened to Gabi Gazit, whom Kaner is replacing?

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Sharp drops for 213 shares

TEL AVIV. — New economic measures adopted by the government came to the attention of the public late yesterday afternoon and had little effect on share trading. For investors looking for a respite from the recent selling wave, there was little cheer. A full 213 securities fell by margins ranging between five and ten per cent. Options fell by a bigger margin.

It was a disappointing session and observers were prepared to predict a change of direction. A total of 22 shares and options were "sellers only" for the second session. Prominent among these were the shares of IDB Development, one of the country's largest investment companies. The general share index, banks excepted, fell by 3.36 percent, to 1,541. Industrials and investment company equities were especially hard hit.

The shares of the banks which are part of the "agreement" were unchanged, but others continued to decline. The Maritime Bank shares fell by as much as eight per cent, to 1.05. The First International Bank were 6.3 per cent lower.

In the specialized financial institution group Clal Leasing 0.5 fell 15 per cent. Others declined by more moderate margins.

A number of insurance stocks fell 10 per cent. They included Arveh, Hadar 5.0, Menora 5.0 and Zion Holdings 1.0. The Hadar option was bludgeoned to 38 and

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

reflected a one-session loss of 24 per cent. Service and trade shares and options continued their steady decline. Clal Computers was cut down for a 10 per cent loss. A similar fate overtook Nikov Computers 5.0, which was 10 per cent lower, while its option tumbled by nearly 20 per cent.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues also continued to decline. Drucker 5.0 shares and Caesarea 0.1 were both down by about 15 per cent.

There was little encouragement among industrials. Urdan, which may become a substantial exporter, saw its 0.1 shares tumble by more than 10 per cent. Elbit was unchanged, while its option was 11.7 per cent higher. Alliance was down by more than 10 per cent. Ondine, which may issue debentures linked

to the price of gold, saw its ordinary shares registered as "sellers only." Haifa Chemicals, a major exporter, had the price of its shares pared by 10 per cent. The Maxima 5.0 shares were 19 per cent lower. For Nechushtan elevators it was a down-slide, as both shares were "sellers only" for the second session. Scandis 1.0 was down by 15 per cent.

Investment company securities were poor performers. Ampa was a 15 per cent loser, as was the case with the Clal Israel 5.0 shares. Clal Industries was 8.5 per cent lower. Oil issues paid scant attention to the rest of the market and showed little change on a sectoral basis. The J.O.E.L. option was the lonely "buyers only" situation on yesterday's market.

The shekel was devalued by 62 agorot. There were some rumours of an impending devaluation of the shekel, but it was impossible to trace their origin.

Index-linked bond turnovers were lower, as the total slumped to 15738 million. Prices were mixed among index-linked bonds.

Dataquest opens office in Tel Aviv

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dataquest, one of the leading suppliers of information to the world business community, has opened an office in Israel. This was announced yesterday by Mordechai Bibliowicz and Avi Weinerman, who are the represen-

tatives here of Dataquest, which is a subsidiary of the American A.C. Nielsen Company.

Weinerman said that his company's services will enable industrialists and businessmen to compete more effectively in world markets and also help them before making new investments.

He added that Dataquest might be termed an "industrial spy," but that its activities are "this side of the law" since it gathers its information from published sources.

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Maritime 0.5	96	1534	-9	-8.6	Argan 1.0	142	11	-10	-1.8
Hapoel p.A.	3102	1	n.c.		Argan 5.0	142	11	-10	-1.8
Hapoel r	28672		n.c.		Argan 1.0	142	11	-10	-1.8
Hapoel op 7	2410	2741	n.c.		Argan 5.0	142	11	-10	-1.8
Hapoel op 6	4625	327	+115	+2.6	Argan 1.0	142	11	-10	-1.8
Hapoel op 5	14300	47	+1300	+10.0	Argan 5.0	142	11	-10	-1.8
Hapoel op 8	9070	14	+20	+2.2	Argan 1.0	142	11	-10	-1.8

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Land, Building, Citrus					Dubek p. r	1130	9	n.c.	
Oren	140	40	n.c.		Dubek p. b	1076	26	n.c.	
Oren op 1	151	2	-14	-8.5	Delta Galil 1	190	307	-21	-10.0
Azaron Prop.	105	152	-7	-6.2	Delta Galil 2	149	671	-26	-14.8
Azaron r	105	283	-5	-4.6	Delta Galil op 2	156	161	+10	+6.4
Azaron op D	160	26	-30	-18.8	Dafron 1	156	50.1	-5	-3.2
Azaron op E	63	30	-6	-9.5	Dafron 5	185	19	-13	-6.9
Eylon	51	14	-5	-9.7	Dafron op 1	43	219	n.c.	
Eylon op 1	39	3	-5	-12.4	Dexter Chem.	119	182	+1	+0.8
Ammonit 1	187	115	n.c.		Dexter op A	43	100	+2	+4.9
Ammonit op 1	65	131	+1	+1.6	Fertilizer 0.1	382	49	+35	+9.1
Africa Int. 0.1	7158	7	-100	-1.3	Fertilizer 0.5	230	32	-2	-0.9
Africa Int. 1.0	7261	2	-3	-0.4	Fertilizer op 1	652	5	+5	+0.8
Africa op 2	4270	1	-40	-9.3	Cables r	477	51	-53	-10.0
Arazim	101	55	+5	+5.2	Cables op 1	500	2	-30	-5.7
Arazim op 1	57	38	-3	-5.3	United Spinners	112	32	-12	-10.0
Azaron op 1	140	88	-9	-6.4	United Spinners op 1	112	32	-12	-10.0
Medion 0.5	140	408	-1	-0.7	United 5	150	153	-13	-8.3
Medion op 1	260	50.2	-13	-4.8	Hamasul 1	150	134	n.c.	
Ben Ya'ar 1	55				Hamasul 5	146	10	n.c.	
Ben Ya'ar op 1	67	244	n.c.		Hausdor 1.0	225	90	-5	-2.2
Baranovitz 1	31	46	n.c.		Hausdor 5.0	113	30.2	-6	-5.0
Baranovitz op 1	109	65	n.c.		Dankner 1	110	225	+10	+10.0
Drucker 1	170	512	-12	-6.9	Vitalgo 1	86	81	+1	+1.5
Drucker 5	86	30	-15	-14.9	Vitalgo 5	182	141	n.c.	
Drucker op 1	42	119	-2	-5.0	Vardimon op 1	150			
Dard 0.1	203	39	n.c.		Zikil 1.0	573	30	-30	-5.0
Dard 0.5	91	196	n.c.		Zikil 5.0	66	60.1	-3	-4.5
Dard op 2	186	4	-2	-1.1	Zol-Kal 1	167			

Company	Price	Volume	Change	%	Company	Price	Volume	Change	%
Mortgage Banks					Zol-Kal 5	166			
Adanin 0.1	880	9	-11	-1.2	Zol-Kal op 1	166			
Gen Mortgage	1600	88	-85	-5.0	Hanan 1	139	159	-15	-10.7
Gen Mortgage op 1	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Hanan op 1	163	312	n.c.	
Gen Mortgage op 5	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Is Can Corp 1	144	55	-16	-10.0
Gen Mortgage op 10	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Is Can Corp 5	144	55	-16	-10.0
Gen Mortgage op 15	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Sidon Metal	101	116	-1	-0.9
Gen Mortgage op 20	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Pri-Ze 1	72	25	-7	-8.9
Gen Mortgage op 25	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Pri-Ze 5	126	31	-6	-4.9
Gen Mortgage op 30	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Pri-Ze op 1	126	31	-6	-4.9
Gen Mortgage op 35	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 40	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 1	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 45	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 5	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 50	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 10	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 55	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 15	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 60	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 20	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 65	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 25	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 70	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 30	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 75	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 35	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 80	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 40	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 85	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 45	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 90	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 50	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 95	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 55	179	129	-64	-35.0
Gen Mortgage op 100	1600	102	-85	-5.0	Haifa Chemical op 60	179	129	-64	-35.0

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Financial Institutions					Teva r	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon r	111	198	+1	+0.9	Teva op 1	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 1	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 5	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 5	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 10	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 10	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 15	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 15	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 20	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 20	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 25	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 25	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 30	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 30	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 35	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 35	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 40	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 40	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 45	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 45	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 50	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 50	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 55	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 55	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 60	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 60	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 65	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 65	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 70	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 70	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 75	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 75	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 80	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 80	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 85	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 85	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 90	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 90	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 95	2345	236	n.c.	
Shilon op 95	949	50.2	-10	-1.1	Teva op 100	2345	236	n.c.	

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Insurance					Yach	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh r	334	204	-37	-10.0	Yach op 1	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 1	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 5	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 5	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 10	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 10	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 15	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 15	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 20	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 20	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 25	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 25	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 30	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 30	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 35	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 35	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 40	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 40	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 45	145	57	-33	-22.8
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Arveh op 65	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 70	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 70	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 75	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 75	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 80	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 80	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 85	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 85	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 90	145	57	-33	-22.8
Arveh op 90	151	14	-14	-8.5	Yach op 95	145	57	-33	-22

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Painful economic truths

THE ECONOMIC austerity programme — not quite an economic plan — is beginning to take shape. If the cabinet keeps at it, as it did yesterday, the nation will soon be supplied with a complete handbook for its transition from the fool's paradise of "proper economics" to the real world. The road, it has been said by some, will inevitably be marked by deep recession, higher taxes, more expensive credits, a lower standard of living and a goodly dose of unemployment.

If these belt-tightening measures are instituted, the finance minister, Yigal Cohen-Orad, expects a reduction of one billion dollars in the balance of payments deficit within a year, and then an economic liftoff, with an eye on exports. This sounds overly ambitious, yet the finance minister is making no promises about curbing inflation. A full recovery will take some time.

To make the transition seem a trifle less harsh by being more equitable, the cabinet yesterday decided to establish a new income-tax bracket of 66 per cent for the next 15 months. This represents a compromise between Tami's bid for a permanent new bracket of 70 per cent, and the Liberals' original opposition to anything higher than the present 60 per cent limit.

The new bracket is supposed to catch the rich, and to prove to the poor that they are not alone to suffer the slings and arrows of austerity.

This is hogwash, of course. The new bracket will affect but a handful of wage earners, and these will surely find ways of avoiding it. The truly rich will not be affected at all. And since the cabinet is not planning to really clamp down on tax dodgers, billions of shekels in taxes due will remain uncollected, even in the depth of the recession.

There is no sign, too, that the cabinet is about to bring the axe down on dispensable programmes that enjoy the support of powerful lobbies. Settlement in Judea and Samaria will hardly feel the pinch. The Lavi programme will not even be put off, and Agudat Yisrael institutions will receive an increased subvention. Meanwhile the half billion dollars that are to be saved through budget cuts have already been invested in propping up bank shares.

Still, the budget must be slashed if recovery is to have any chance. Some services that have been supplied free may now have to carry a price tag. The deputy prime minister, David Levy, has assured the public that the new measures will not be "draconian." That depends on the definition. A monthly education levy of IS700 need not prove an unbearable hardship, but when it is combined with some other steps, such as the taxing of children's allowances, the result may in fact be pretty drastic for many families across the country.

That cannot be helped. The confrontation with ordinary reality after a long, sweet dream is apt to be rather painful. Mr. Cohen-Orad is arguably doing the nation a favour by making it understand that there is no such thing as a free lunch. But it is hard to forget that, like the other members of the Likud cabinet he has just recently joined, Mr. Cohen-Orad is ordering the nation's destinies today because his Likud predecessor, Yoram Aridor, managed to bamboozle the electorate into believing that free lunches are the real thing.

Turkey returns to democracy

THE ARMY generals who took power in Turkey a little over three years ago have scant reason to be satisfied with the results of the parliamentary elections held in the country on Sunday.

Their own candidate for premier was retired general Turgut Sunalp. He ran at the head of the rightist Nationalist Democratic Party, which came in a poor third in the contest. The clear winner was the former vice-premier and economic planner Turgut Ozal, whom the president, General Kenan Evren, had called "deceitful and unfit to rule." His conservative Motherland Party won an absolute majority in parliament. The left-of-centre Populist Party of provincial governor Necdet Calp made an unexpectedly strong showing.

It is not difficult to explain Mr. Ozal's success. The only politician allowed by the generals to share power after they toppled the Demirel government and dissolved parliament, he went on to rescue the country's economy from near bankruptcy. He is a highly popular figure with a considerable measure of charisma. The same could hardly be said of his rightist opponent.

President Evren is himself popular, too, but his intervention on behalf of his candidate seemed to have boomeranged. Most Turks are grateful to the military for having put an end to the orgy of terrorism, both leftist and rightist, that used to claim some 20 lives daily. But they take a dim view of the denial of freedom that was supposed to bar a return to anarchy. Most Turkish political parties, in fact, were not permitted to run in Sunday's elections.

The Turkish electorate must have felt that by voting for Mr. Sunalp they would only be perpetuating military rule, whereas the two other candidates offered the prospect of change.

Whatever their feelings, however, the military are likely to accept the results of the elections, for the constitution allows them, and the president, a large say in national affairs. Besides, Mr. Ozal can hardly be charged with being a dangerous progressive or a Moslem fundamentalist. He is an economic ultra-liberal who favours close ties with the West and, for economic reasons, the Moslem world, including such countries as Libya.

Because of this Moslem connection, relations between Turkey and Israel are not likely to be greatly improved under Mr. Ozal's premiership.

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— geographically or politically — they will have to suffer the consequences.

Earlier in the day when the House Committee discussed the procedure for a debate on the Tyre bombings, the Alignment opposed the idea on the grounds that the funerals are still being held and the commission of inquiry has not yet submitted its report.

The compromise was that only the defence minister and Peres would speak yesterday and the rest of the debate would be deferred.

Members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, from the coalition and opposition alike, agreed that the security arrangements at the Tyre military

FRIDAY'S SUICIDE raid in Tyre and the earlier attacks on the American and French headquarters in Beirut shattered one of our most deeply held convictions: that Arab terrorists will attack only when they have prospects of returning alive.

To be sure, PLO fighters penetrated Israel across the Jordan River even when their chance of survival was poor. But they always had had the prospect of survival, however minimal. Only in very few instances did they commit suicide, and then only when they were cornered.

The single instance in which a suicide raid was perpetrated in Israel was on June 1, 1973 at Ben-Gurion Airport. That exception only strengthened the concept about the terrorists' restraint. That raid was carried out by Kozo Okamoto and fellow terrorists of the Japanese Red Army.

The concept had profound impact on our thinking. It told us that if Israel shows enough force, and gives the enemy a way out, the enemy will not attack. Thus military parades were held in East Jerusalem despite terror threats. Hundreds of thousands of people brought their children to see the parades, feeling that the large turnout of security men would deter terrorists.

That concept played a part in the thinking of how even very sensitive

Hard lesson in security

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

military installations in Israel could be inadequately protected. Presumably the thinking has been that as attackers could never get out alive, they would not try to break in.

That illusion should have been shattered when the bomb-laden trucks slammed into the American and French headquarters in Beirut. One of the disconcerting facts about Friday's attack is that the Israel Defence Forces did not seem to draw enough of the necessary conclusions.

THE ARMY seems to have had every reason to expect a repetition of such a raid on its troops.

Arabs in southern Lebanon have ammunition stored away, and if they were short of explosives for a car bomb, the necessary material could

have been smuggled from the north. Senior defence establishment sources frequently said they were concerned about the situation, and that is why there has been pressure within the defence establishment to close the bridges to vehicular traffic.

What the enemy had lacked was not the knowledge of how to prepare a car bomb or the explosives but the people ready to commit suicide for their cause. Now they have turned up.

Following the attacks in Beirut, the army introduced new measures. On a tour of the Awali line two days before the Tyre bombing, this reporter saw camps surrounded by earthen embankments. At the entrance to the Military Government Headquarters in Sidon, 35 km.

north of Tyre, there was an additional checkpoint and obstacles designed to force cars to zig zag between them and thus drive slowly to the gate.

The most important obstacle appeared to have been a half-track parked across the entrance. Any car dashing to the gate would have crashed into it.

But the road obstacles were hollow — one of them had been pushed aside — and when we left the base, the half-track was parked in a way which left enough space for our cars to drive out.

In two other places this reporter did not see road obstacles, and the armoured troop carriers were parked inside the camp facing the exit, leaving enough room for cars to enter.

This seems to indicate two things: the major elements required to protect the bases had been known before Friday. Secondly, not enough had been done to implement them.

THE SAME seems true for Tyre. Stone obstacles were there, but were insufficient to stop the bomb-laden truck. No vehicle blocked the gate so although the suicide driver was apparently dead by the time his van hit the gate, there was no need to maneuver to speed straight ahead into the camp.

Now new measures are being implemented, and the IDF installations will become some sort of an Israeli island in a foreign land.

The problem does not end there. Clearly the camps in Lebanon are more vulnerable than they would be inside Israel — if only because of the availability of explosives and the ease with which one can move from territory controlled by Syria to that controlled by Israel.

The enemy has, however, also tried to smuggle car bombs into Israel. Interior Minister Yosef Burg revealed last month that a booby-trapped car had been caught and dismantled inside Israel territory and a possible calamity thus averted.

Certainly we have learnt to live with such attacks — including car bombs years ago which exploded in Israel.

But now that the enemy includes men with suicidal fearlessness, Israel ought to step up precautions at sensitive installations, including major cities. We can no longer rely on deterring potential attackers with the knowledge that they would never get out alive, and the security arrangements which exist in some places here could make the target too inviting.

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Piercing the money veil

By J. VOET

nearly 12 per cent per annum on this transaction.

Any investor who has shekels can, of course, do the same. Bank shares are easily the best buy on the market. It is a government-guaranteed dollar obligation, maturing in five years time and yielding a tax-free, 12 per cent annual interest. In addition, it is liquid since it can always be sold on the Stock Exchange, albeit at fluctuating, but in the longer term, steadily rising prices. I cannot think of anything better than this presently available in Israel.

THE SELLER of bank shares gets a bad deal. He cuts his losses, taking a 40 per cent beating on the admittedly exaggerated dollar value of his investment. If he needs the money badly to pay off urgent debts, this is an understandable transaction. But

if he sells his bank shares in order to invest the proceeds in Patam accounts, he is simply changing a high-yielding, government-guaranteed dollar investment for a low-yielding, less liquid, dollar obligation of the same government.

The yield on Patam accounts is, particularly after tax deduction, less than half that on bank shares. Patam funds are less liquid, as they mature only after three, six or 12 months. Ultimately, they are a government obligation, but they are not real dollars.

People who open an account, pay their bank shekels to have dollars in their name in the banks' books at the rate on that day. They do so because, when the account is due after three, six or 12 months, they can either continue their investment or demand payment in shekels at the then-prevailing

shekel/dollar rate. This the bank must honour. That is true today for all the banks who signed the agreement, and in the final analysis also the government. I can therefore see no valid reason whatsoever for selling bank shares and using the proceeds to open Patam accounts.

The above does not, of course, apply to the so-called free shares. Nobody can say if the owner who sells these at the present fairly low prices has made a good or a bad deal when he reinvests the proceeds in Patam accounts. His investment — a speculative one — is charged to a more conservative holding, that's all.

FOR THE ECONOMY at large, it does not make much difference. It all remains shekels tied up either in bank accounts or in securities. Sales of so-called free shares lower the price level at the Stock Exchange, of course, making this institution less able to mobilize new capital for investment purposes. Which is a drawback, though not a very serious one if this situation is of comparatively short duration, that is, months, not years.

This situation, however, changes completely if the owner of bank or free shares does not invest the proceeds of his sale in Patam accounts. If he uses the money at his disposal for consumption, this will of course have an inflationary effect on an already seriously overheated economy. Especially dangerous is the purchase of durable consumer goods — cars, television sets and electrical appliances with a very high foreign currency content. The resulting drain on our meagre foreign currency reserves, always the weak spot of our economy, could be disastrous.

The government should limit these purchases as much as possible, simply by making them prohibitively expensive. This may not be a popular measure but, in view of the present perilous situation, it is unavoidable.

The same applies to the purchase of foreign banknotes and travellers' cheques. They are, contrary to Patam accounts, real foreign money which has to be paid out of the foreign currency held by the government. Fortunately, the pre-

sent minister of finance has decided to stop the sales of banknotes to the public — very late in the day, it's true, but better late than never.

However, this welcome measure automatically creates a black market in the forbidden commodity, and the government should try to crack down on this prohibited activity. This will not be easy, since it is today not confined to Lilienblum Street in Tel Aviv but also flourishes in East Jerusalem and Gaza. But it can be done.

The allocation of foreign banknotes and travellers' cheques to people going abroad is still very ample. It is worth considering whether the country can, in its present situation, afford such largesse. The same applies to foreign travel, which ought to be discouraged as much as possible in order to protect the country's foreign currency reserves.

It is also possible that investors who have a lot of money at their disposal from the sale of shares will turn their sights to plots and flats, which will stimulate these markets. Although prices of these investment objects are nowadays quoted in dollars, they are not real foreign currency, but shekels. As with the purchase of Patam accounts, their acquisition does not present a major problem for the economy, since everything remains in shekels. It would, of course, be deplorable for the cost of apartments to rise to still more unreasonable heights, but that is a result of the predicament we are in.

THE NECESSARY measures described above are not pleasant ones. They are also contrary to the so-called liberal economic philosophy of the present government. But we have turned full circle in this respect. The Likud, standing for free enterprise, took the biggest step towards state socialism in this decade by guaranteeing the price of the shares of all the big banks. It could, correctly, plead special circumstances.

It should also realize that for the protection of our foreign currency reserves exceptional measures are needed.

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READERS' LETTERS

SYRIAN PROPAGANDA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — After residing in Jerusalem for a year as a student at the Hebrew University, I have grown accustomed to reading a veritable plethora of opinions and comments in your paper and other publications concerning the Middle Eastern political theatre. I often had little difficulty in discerning those who were not in complete harmony with the Begin government. Both Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eilani provided plenty of fuel for the fires of the government's detractors, be they here or elsewhere on the globe.

I was in Damascus during the week of the famed mass consumption of serpentine reptiles and the tenth anniversary of the "Arab victory" of 1973 with its incumbent hoopla. I find it a bit ironic that there is minimal criticism of President Assad in the world press. His remarks prove him equally adept at making an ass of himself in public. The official rhetoric is rather overdone. (I thought my president layed it on thick.)

If I had any doubt as to the Syrian government's disposition to this country before my short visit, it has been alleviated. I don't think they like you guys too much.

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IGNORING THE PALESTINIANS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — I was amazed to read in the interview of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter by your Washington correspondent (October 28) about Israel's official refusal to participate in the Middle East Conference at Emory University in Atlanta because of the participation of Professor Walid Khalidi, allegedly a member of the PLO.

The fact itself is not sufficiently substantiated, but even if it were, the question still remains: so what? How long is the present Israeli government (led by an ultra-nationalist politician who himself is not entirely lacking in personal experience of radical underground activity) going to maintain its sterile

attitude of refusal to meet any of its main political adversaries, even for the purpose of academic exchange of opinions in a prestigious international conference?

Even after the deplorable Lebanon War, which is still not finished, the PLO can hardly be written off the political agenda. How long is it going to take the Israeli leadership to realize that the continued boycott of any Palestinian national leadership (PLO-oriented or otherwise) by the strongest military power in the Middle East will only cause our country more severe and unnecessary damage?

YEHUDA BEN-MOSHE
Jerusalem.

LIGHT OPERA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — The Light Opera Group of the Negev would like to express their warmest thanks to Yohanan Boehm and The Jerusalem Post for the article which appeared on September 23, in which Mr. Boehm described our efforts in producing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas on a shoestring budget. He was kind enough to publicize our desperate need for a volunteer music director for our new production, "Iolanthe," to be performed in May 1984.

Suddenly we had no less than seven candidates from all over Israel and even from abroad. These

were narrowed down to two excellent prospects who were invited to try out with the group, and a difficult decision had to be made between them. Elisheva Rigbi of Jerusalem will be our director. Thanks so much for helping us find her!

May we take this opportunity to add that we are now seeking a volunteer pianist and more tenors, preferably from the southern area. A rewarding musical and theatrical experience is assured them! (My phone number is 057-73371).

SHARON TEL-OREN, Producer,
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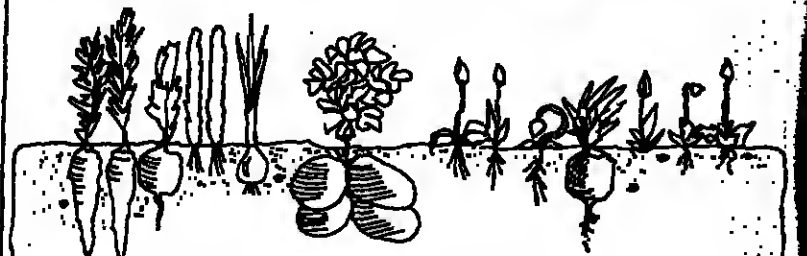
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